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Dear Mr. LeVines:

I write in response to your public records requests to the Office of the Governor seeking "[a]ny documents, spreadsheets and memos relating to travel expenses for the Governor."

As a threshold matter, please be advised that in Lambert v. Executive Director of the Judicial Nominating Council, 425 Mass. 406, 409 (1997), the Supreme Judicial Court held that the Office of the Governor is not one of the instrumentalities enumerated in M.G.L. ch. 4, § 7(26), whose records are subject to disclosure under the public records law.

Notwithstanding Lambert, it is the practice of the Office voluntarily to consider and to respond to public records requests on a case-by-case basis. In that regard, we are reviewing your request and will follow up with you when that review is completed.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas P. Martinelli*  
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